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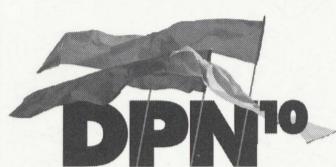
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## DPN 10 celebration highlights—what's happening this week!

5 Fireside Chat with President Jordan, 4-6 p.m., Peikoff Alumni House, Upper Level; DPN 10 Gala tux pick-up, Ely Center  
6 Truth Be Told Panel: "DPN Interpreters," 12-1:30 p.m., Ely Auditorium  
7 Deaf President Now 10th Anniversary Gala, 8 p.m.-1 a.m., Grand Hyatt Hotel. For tickets, e-mail Sherry Duhon (SBDUHON) or come to the Public Relations Office in EMG.  
9-11 "Turn A Page" book display features Dr. I. King Jordan, president.

The display is inside the Library's east entrance.  
9 Truth Be Told Panel: "DPN Ducks," 7-9 p.m., GUKCC Auditorium; DPN 10 tux drop-off, Ely Center  
10 Meet Elisabeth Zinser, 3 p.m., GUKCC Auditorium; Truth Be Told Panel: "DPN Student Leaders," 7-9 p.m., GUKCC Auditorium  
11 DPN 10th Anniversary March, 1 p.m.; DPN 10: SBG DPN 10 Party, time/location TBA

## Business leader Soji Teramura touched the lives of many at Gallaudet as well as other deaf people around the world

Reaching age 60 is a major milestone in the life of a Japanese person, a reason for celebration that is of the same magnitude as a 50th wedding anniversary in American society.

At an elaborate fete last August to commemorate his 60th birthday, international business leader Soji Teramura proclaimed that, as he does with the dawning of each new decade of his life, he would be taking up a new cause. For the next 10 years, he said, that cause would be to advocate for Gallaudet and for deaf people around the world.

Teramura, who died in Tokyo

February 9, may have been disappointed that he was not able to fulfill his ambition. But to the many members of the Gallaudet community and to other deaf people around the world whose lives he touched, his actions had already made a tremendous impact on their lives.

At the time of his death, Teramura was a major force in Japanese business interests in the United States. He was president and CEO of Teramura International, Inc., a Washington, D.C.-based international economic and political consulting firm; president of Strategies for a Global Economy,

Inc., a Washington, D.C./New York-based consulting firm; secretary of the Hitachi Foundation, the largest Japanese foundation in the United States; and advisor to Hakuhodo Incorporated, Japan's largest advertising, marketing, and communications company.

Teramura's involvement with the deaf community began when he was asked to help produce a 1995 cultural exchange tour through Japan for Gallaudet's Young Scholars Program (YSP).

Through Teramura's tireless efforts, the American students—who loved him and called him "Mr.

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Soji Teramura greets guests at a reception for YSP students at the All Nippon Airways Hotel in Tokyo, Japan, in the summer of 1995. The reception was hosted by the Nippon Chapter of the Gallaudet University Alumni Association; Tampopo-no-ye, an organization that works with groups with disabilities in Japan; and the Potomac Club, an organization set up by Teramura for business leaders, ambassadors, and other influential Japanese people who at one time lived in Washington, D.C.

## Gallaudet's first African American graduate dedicated his life to educating deaf Africans

By Katherine DeLorenzo  
One of Andrew Jackson Foster's earliest memories growing up in segregated Alabama was of standing outside the town's public library, unable to access the wealth



Berta Foster

of knowledge within, said Berta Foster, widow of the late missionary.

"Andrew would pass by the library every day and watch people go in and come out with books," Foster told the audience that filled Ely Auditorium February 20 for her presentation. "But he couldn't

go in, because the library was for whites only."

Foster's visit to Gallaudet was the highlight of a Black History Month event honoring Foster, the first African American to graduate from Gallaudet. "Remembering Andrew Foster: A Deaf American Hero" also featured speeches by Albert Couthen, president of National Black Deaf Advocates; Eric Malzkuhn, who was Foster's rehabilitation counselor in Michigan; Gallaudet business professor Isaac Agboola, who worked for Foster in Africa before coming to Gallaudet; and Dr. Gabriel Adepoju, one of Foster's assistants in Nigeria and who later established a school for deaf people there that is still in operation today.

The son of a coal miner, Foster became deaf at age 11 from meningitis. Limited to an eighth grade education in the segregated South, he left Alabama for better job opportunities in the North, settling in

Detroit, Mich., where he worked in a factory during the day and attended the Detroit Institute of Commerce at night. He eventually completed his degree through a business correspondence course.

Foster's first attempt to attend Gallaudet failed because the institution did not accept black students at the time. In 1951, he enrolled at the college and graduated three years later, becoming the first deaf African American to graduate with a bachelor's degree from Gallaudet.

Foster founded the Christian Mission for Deaf Africans in 1956 and established his first school a year later in Accra, Ghana.

The late Andrew Foster

Berta, who met Foster at a World Federation of the Deaf conference in Germany, joined him three years later. Over the next 30 years, the Fosters established 31 schools in 13 African countries, including several in Nigeria, Senegal, Burkina Faso, and the Republic of Congo. Twenty-five of the schools are still in existence today.

Berta Foster, who now lives in Detroit where she continues her work with the Mission, for keeping Foster's memory alive and continuing his work.

"Almost everyone from Africa who is here [at Gallaudet], somehow

their success is related to Andrew Foster," said Agboola.

The event was followed by a reception in Ely Center sponsored by Gallaudet's Multicultural Student Programs, National Black Deaf Advocates, and the University's Office of Diversity and Community Relations. G

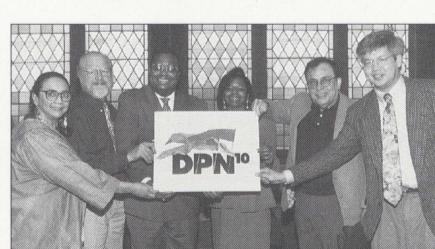
## DPN involved many cultures

By Katherine DeLorenzo  
The often overlooked cultural diversity of the Deaf President Now protest was the subject of a special Truth Be Told panel session, "Multicultural Role in the DPN Revolution," held on February 19 in Peikoff Alumni House.

Moderated by College for Continuing Education Dean Reginald Redding, the panel included Gallaudet assistant professor of Deaf Studies and National Black Deaf Advocates member Carolyn McCaskill-Emerson, John Lopez of the National Hispanic Council, and PCNMP Family Education

Coordinator Leslie Proctor, who served on the DPN Council during the protest. Also present were Ohlone College professor William Wong of the National Asian Deaf Congress and Intertribal Deaf Council member Sam Yates, who works as an ASL/Deaf Culture/Multicultural Specialist at PCNMP.

"History is told differently by different people," said Lopez, who was an activist during DPN. During the protest, much of the focus was on the largely white student body, Lopez said, reinforcing the myth that all or most deaf people are white.

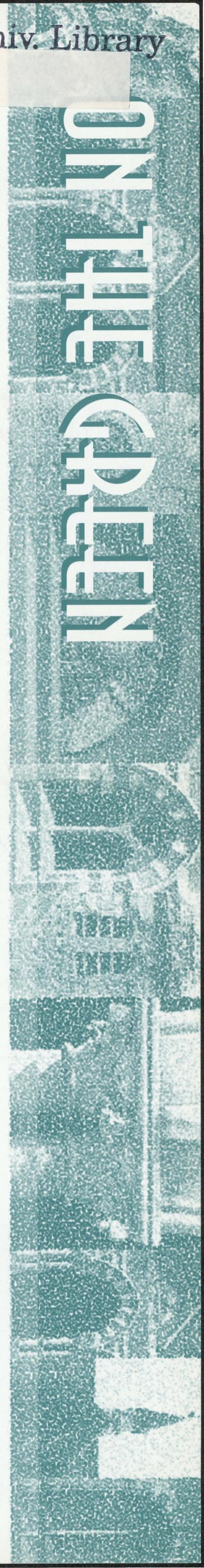


Panelists at the second Truth Be Told lecture, "Multicultural Role in the DPN Revolution," on February 19, display the DPN 10 logo. Shown (from left) are: Leslie Proctor, Sam Yates, Dr. Reginald Redding, Carolyn McCaskill-Emerson, John Lopez, and William Wong.

During the panel it was pointed out that a number of Gallaudet students from Africa participated in rallies and protests, at considerable risk to their immigration status. Yet actions such as this

one are often overlooked.

For Proctor, being actively involved in DPN meant giving her deaf child a better future. Providing him with deaf role models was only half the victory. "I don't want anyone telling my son or any other student what they can't do" because of their race, Proctor said. All of the panelists agreed that the DPN protest helped further activism among diverse groups of deaf people. "The fact that we are having this discussion shows progress," said Dr. Redding. G

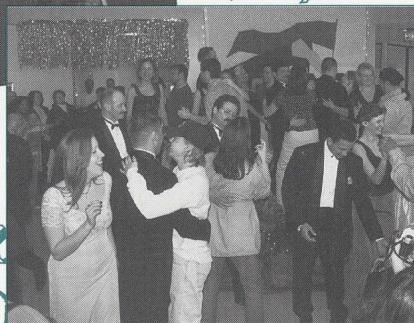




Hank Young, administrative assistant in the Graduate School and Research, and Sherry Duhon, assistant director of the Office of Public Relations/Visitors Center and DPN 10 Gala organizer, demonstrate what class is all about at the February 18 DPN 10 Gala Fashion Show.



Organizers of the DPN 10 Gala fashion show are (from left): Russell West, Sherry Duhon, Hank Young, Charmaine Hlibok, Dr. William Marshall, Robin Emory, and Carl Pramuk.



Bedecked in ballroom finery, faculty, staff, and students turn Ely Center into a mini-ballroom at the fashion show.

Going to the GALA?

## UP CLOSE

By Mike Kaika



Del Wynne with some of her Coca-Cola memorabilia.

### Del Wynne—'Things go better with Coke'

Dorothy "Del" Wynne, a science teacher at MSSD for the past 14 years, has quite a collection of Coca-Cola products at her Glen Dale, Md., home. Del was born and raised in Atlanta, Ga., where Coca-Cola was "invented" by Dr. John Styth Pemberton, a pharmacist, who later sold his interest in Coca-Cola to Asa G. Candler.

Del's interest in Coke was the result of close ties her family had with the Candler family. "My great-grandfather was a Methodist minister and a neighbor and friend of Bishop Warren Candler, brother of Asa," said Del. "They would sometimes do church services together." Bishop Candler founded Emory College, which later became Emory University, and the theology school is named in his honor.

"My grandmother was the best of friends with Asa's niece, who also was a Girl Scout leader for my mother," said Del. "Walter Candler, son of Asa, bred cocker spaniels and gave a pup to my mother when she was a little girl," she added. "I grew up with my family in the Druid Hills neighborhood where the Candler mansions are still located today. I went to high school near Emory with the 'Coca-Cola children.'"

After Del graduated from high school, she enrolled at NTID/RIT and received her bachelor's degree in biology in 1982. She then entered the University of Rochester and received her master's degree in education in 1984. She saw that MSSD had an opening for a science teacher and in the fall of 1984 she taught her first class. "I have been deaf all my life and I heard so much about deaf culture and opportunities in the Washington, D.C., area that I really was hoping to move here," said Del. "I really love this area and will stay here for a long time."

Del also taught biology for two years at the University. "I was on

loan from MSSD to fill a vacancy in the Biology Department and I thoroughly enjoyed teaching on the collegiate level." At the same time, she enrolled at the University of Maryland and received another master's degree in cell biology. She also taught for one semester in the Department of Education and since 1994 she has been teaching in the Summer Institute of Biology teacher training program.

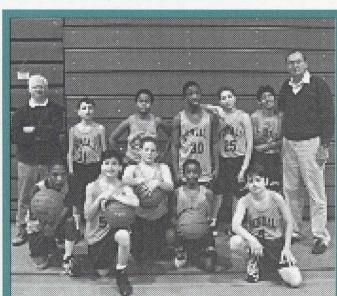
"When I knew I was going to stay in the Washington, D.C., area, I brought my collection of Coke products with me, and now I have a basement full of various items," said Del. She has 110 bottles of Coke (some unopened) dating back to the 1940s. Some of these are commemorative bottles celebrating Christmas, the Olympics, the Superbowl, College Bowl games, etc. Years ago, the back page of *National Geographic* magazine always had a Coke advertisement, and Del has 120 of these issues. "I think *National Geographic* stopped running the Coke ad in the mid-'60s," said Del.

Del also has three original Coca-Cola syrup jars, playing cards, collector's cards, trays, ink blotters (one dated 1919), puzzles, banners, blankets, hats, pins, and signs of various sizes and shapes.

During the Christmas season, she sets up two trees in her house. One tree is decorated with the traditional ornaments and the other tree contains all Coca-Cola ornaments. About the only item Del does not have is a Coke machine. "I really want to get one of those early Coke machines," she said, "and I am constantly on the lookout for one."

As it has been said: "Coca-Cola is the pause that refreshes" and reminds us of good times. Del has vivid memories of the Atlanta Braves, which of course, also served Coke at the games. "I went to the games a lot when I was young and I was at the game the day Hank Aaron broke Babe Ruth's home run record in 1974.

"Of course," she added, "I had a Coke in my hand."



The KDES basketball team, shown with coaches Clint Church (left) and Richard Smrz (right), took second-place honors at the KDES' Mid-Atlantic Junior Classic basketball tournament on February 20. The Pennsylvania School for the Deaf took the first-place trophy, the Maryland School for the Deaf-Columbia came in third, and the Delaware School for the Deaf placed fourth.



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## ON THE GREEN

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### Findings presented on milestone study of adult onset hearing loss

The onset of hearing loss among adults is accompanied by an avalanche of emotions—anger over having their lives disrupted, disbelief, depression, anxiety about jobs and other unknowns looming in the future. The reality that an advanced degree of hearing loss means the inability to communicate as they once did can cause many adults to become withdrawn, avoiding conversations, meetings, movies, and other social situations.

Then there are other adults who do not deny or attempt to hide their hearing loss but acknowledge the situation and cope with it. They adapt to a new life, with the help of doctors, audiologists, and rehabilitation counselors, the empathy of employers and loved ones, and their own ingenuity.

Regardless of these opposite personality types, the fact remains that an onset of hearing loss after life patterns and language styles are established severely affects any adult's quality of life, and it forces many changes to be made.

How these individuals adapt to change—in communication, in how they earn a living, in their perception of themselves—was explored at Gallaudet February 3 by Dr. Laurel Glass and Holly Elliott, principal investigators in what is perhaps the most detailed study ever in the area of adult onset hearing loss.

Glass is professor emeritus of anatomy and psychiatry at the University of California at San Francisco and served as director of UCSF's Center on Deafness from 1984 to 1989. She is also a member of Gallaudet's Board of Trustees. Elliott, who is retired, was a counselor and therapist at the UCSF Center on Deafness.

Glass and Elliott—both of whom experienced hearing loss as adults—shared their findings with an overflow crowd in the Edward Miner Gallaudet Building auditorium in a presentation, "Cousins, Not Siblings: deafened, hard of hearing, Deaf."

The researchers chose the title because it reflects their position that individuals who become deaf or hard of hearing later in life do not deal with the same personal issues. "[We are] related, but not the same," said Glass.

The presentation was sponsored by the Departments of Audiology and Speech and Social Work.

The project, entitled "Psychosocial Aspects of Hearing Loss in Adulthood," was funded by the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research, U.S. Department of Education. The study, which took several years to complete, involved a huge national sampling of adults between the ages of 18 and 65, thanks to the cooperation of two national deafness related organizations, Self Help for Hard of Hearing (SHHH) People and the Association of Late Deafened Adults.

Glass and Elliott collected data from 2,731 adults—a fairly equal

number of men and women between the ages of 18 and 90—who completed a 13-page questionnaire. They furthered their research through a one-page questionnaire completed by approximately 7,500 SHHH members, focus groups with 70 participants, and interviews with 130 "successful copers."

Glass told the audience that initially there was some scepticism expressed over whether many people would take the time to fill out the lengthy questionnaire. "Unbelievably, 65 percent responded," she said. "And what's more, many wrote notes in the margin." This overwhelming response led Glass to remark, "This is not a benign problem." She added that the group represents "an incredibly needy, isolated population of people," and that further research is needed.

According to the questionnaire, when respondents first suspected that they had experienced hearing loss, 55 percent immediately had their hearing tested, but 44 percent put it off. The reasons for procrastinating varied. Some "thought other people were mumbling," some didn't want to wear a hearing aid; others chose to deal with the loss as best they could; and a small percentage confided that they were afraid to find out what was wrong.

The reasons that the group who took immediate action did so was because their hearing loss was affecting their jobs; they found themselves withdrawing from group activities; their families were suggesting that they needed a hearing aid; and because communication was getting stressful.

With the realization that a problem exists, "knowledge seems to be even more important than supportive people," said Glass. From the short survey that asked SHHH members why they

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# PCNMP HAPPENINGS

## Born to play volleyball: MSSD junior wins Scholar Sportswoman Award

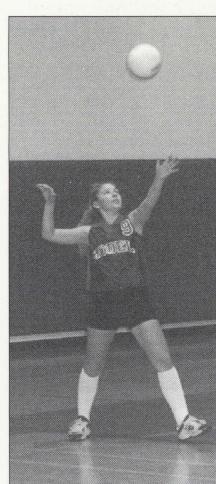
By Susan M. Flanigan

The Women's Sports Foundation recognized Model Secondary School for the Deaf (MSSD) student Tamara Suiter with a Scholar Sportswoman Award at a ceremony in Washington, D.C., on February 4. Suiter was selected for her outstanding performance in volleyball, basketball, and softball while maintaining a high grade point average.



At the Women's Sports Foundation celebration, award winner Tamara Suiter (with plaque) is joined by (from left) her father, Ricky Suiter; her coach, Lynn Ray Boren; PCNMP athletics coordinator Mike Weinstock; PCNMP Vice President Jane Fernandes; a friend; and her mother, Renee Suiter.

The National Girls and Women in Sports Day was established in 1987 by a Congressional resolution to celebrate the achievements



MSSD's award-winning scholar athlete, Tamara Suiter, setting up for a play during a volleyball game.

Lynn Ray Boren. "She has been a key player on MSSD's varsity volleyball team since 1995. She's the backbone of our team. She used her leadership to keep our team together. This year she made a record 519 assists, breaking her own former record of 433."

Tamara was selected as one of 10 Independent Schools League

(ISL) all-league players and won all-tournament awards at both the Fredericksburg and Model Classic Tournaments. In addition to volleyball, Suiter has won awards in softball and consistently achieves academic honors. She has been on the honor roll since ninth grade, has a 3.3 grade point average, and is vice-president of the junior class.

Suiter balances her commitment to sports and academics through careful planning. "I love volleyball, but it's tough to find time for practice and study. I have managed to learn how to reduce my 'free time' and increase my study hours," said Suiter. "My parents were the ones who kept emphasizing the importance of time management. Eventually, good time management became a habit."

Suiter comes from an athletic family. "Maybe her ability is genetic," said her father, Ricky Suiter, PCNMP program manager. "Her grandfather was a Hall of Fame athlete at the Illinois School for the Deaf and was awarded Player of the Year by the famous father of deaf athletics, Art Kruger. I myself was involved with sports at Gallaudet. We're proud of Tamara's achievements in both the sports arena and the classroom. We hope her younger sister Kristen will follow in her footsteps."

The Scholar Sportswoman award adds to a growing list of Tamara's honors. Last summer she won the Youth Leadership award at the 1997 Youth Leadership camp sponsored by the National Association of the Deaf. In February 1998 she won a place on the Deaf Olympics snowboarding team at a competition held in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. The team of five women and six men will compete in the 1999 World Winter Games for the Deaf in Davos, Switzerland.

Tamara plans to pursue volleyball at the collegiate level. "I am planning on applying to Gallaudet. I was born and raised to go to Gally!" she exclaimed. **G**

Laurie Gilbert, president of the Gallaudet chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, welcomed the featured speaker, Maryland State Teacher of the Year Robert Foor-Hogue. Gilbert, who is project secretary for the

Interpreting Training Program grant in Sign Language and Professional Studies, a unit of the College for Continuing Education, also provided information about the Society to its newest members.

Foor-Hogue addressed the honor society members on the topic of "Facing the Challenges of Tomorrow—Are Future Educators Ready?" He spoke passionately about the importance of educators being people who are compassionate and caring as critical characteristics.

Foor-Hogue added that educa-

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(stoo • dant • soar • us) n. 1. a special breed of inquisitive men and women who Gallaudet recruits, retains, and educates. 2. pizza-eaters.

### Add another (but very useful) acronym ...

**G**allaudet University is known to be the home of a thousand acronyms. There's AATAC, A-RAP, GASP, GUM, SOM, FYS, SEHS, OES, CAS, SOC, CCE, GUAA, VPAA, GRI, GUKCC, and TAP. Don't forget DPN, HMB, WAB, KDES, MSSD, SBG, EMG. And we're all familiar with outside organizations and activities that go by NAD, WFD, WGD, SHHH, and many, many more.

Well, it's time to add another string of letters to Gallaudet's alphabet soup. It's EDSA, which stands for European Deaf Student Association.

This organization is the brain-child of senior Jonas Schurz-Torboli. He said it grew out of the need that students from Europe have to meet and discuss issues particular to their situations.

Schurz-Torboli, a deaf studies major, is from Austria and has been here since 1992 when he entered as an English Language Institute student. During a visit to the United States and Canada with his mother and sister in September of 1992, Schurz-Torboli came to Gallaudet. As part of his tour of the campus he met Francisco Cordero-Martinez, the coordinator of ELI (another acronym!) and decided to immediately enroll.

Over the past few semesters, the group met informally at restaurants but felt it wanted to form a more permanent relationship. EDSA came up with an organizational constitution and elected officers: Schurz-Torboli, president; Therese Rollven of Sweden, vice president; Kristinn Bjarnason of Iceland, treasurer; and Paulina Wlostowski of Sweden, secretary. The group found an advisor—Ulf Hedberg, who hails from Sweden and is now the director of the Gallaudet University Archives and president of the board of Deaf History International. On February 12, EDSA obtained official approval and recognition from the University's Student Programs Office as a student organization.

In addition to being a support system for each other as they navigate the mires of American culture, the students in EDSA also want to be there to help and work with each other after graduation. "The deaf

communities across Europe don't work with each other as best as they should," Schurz-Torboli said. "If we work together now while students at Gallaudet, where we share a common language, we can then do the same thing when we return home."

"We are building a strong relationship with the European Union of the Deaf based in Brussels," said Schurz-Torboli, and he hopes to meet and talk to officers from the EUD and the World Federation of the

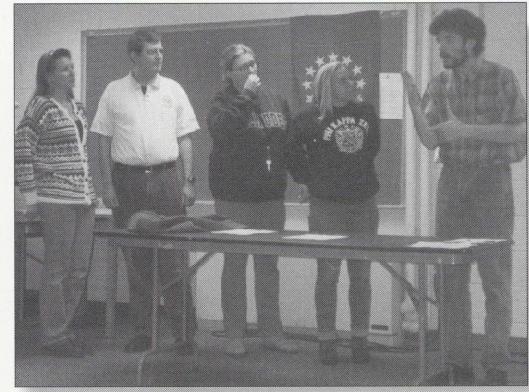
Deaf who are traveling to Gallaudet to participate in the DPN 10 events this month. One of the purposes listed in the new student group's constitution is: "To advocate going back to Europe after graduation." The members are confident that the ties formed now with the EUD will help them do that by becoming a vehicle for networking, support, and possible jobs.

Schurz-Torboli admits that there was some concern initially that forming EDSA would somehow detract from the previously established International Student Club (ISC). There were some that also argued that EDSA wasn't necessary because ISC already existed. Schurz-Torboli said that in the past only a handful of European students were active members in the ISC, but with the formation of EDSA over half of the 62 European students studying at Gallaudet have become active participants.

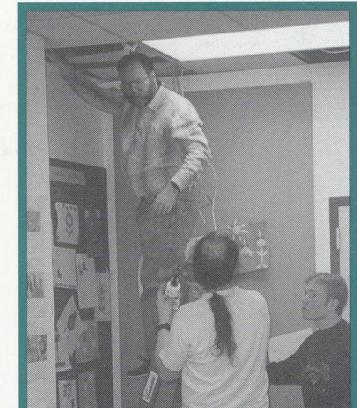
EDSA plans to maintain strong ties with the ISC, however, said Schurz-Torboli, through joint efforts between the ISC, EDSA, and the Asian-Pacific Association (APA), like the Global Festival Week March 30 through April 4. He readily admits that while it's crucial that international students feel at home at Gallaudet with other students who either share the same culture, country, or language, it's equally important for them to learn about other cultures and other parts of the world. **G**



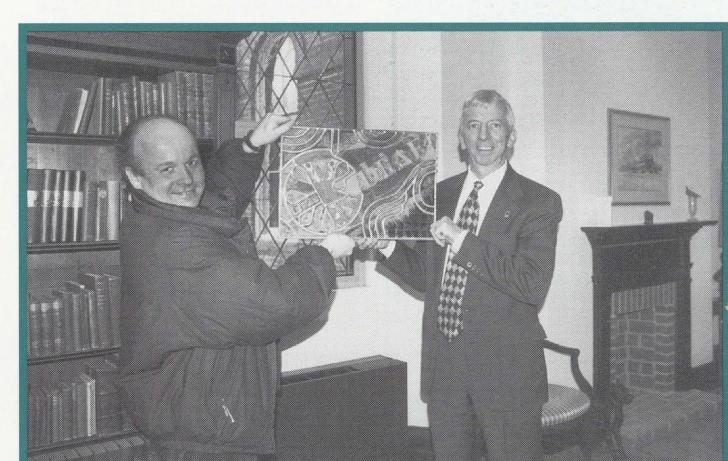
By Roz Prickett



Newly-elected European Deaf Student Association President Jonas Schurz-Torboli (right) speaks at a meeting to formulate the organization's constitution. Also pictured are (from left): Carina Hed, chair of the constitution committee; Kristinn Bjarnason; Paulina Wlostowski; and Therese Rollven.



Volunteers at KDES' fourth NetDay February 21 wire a room for Internet connections. A total of 76 participants took part in the most recent NetDay, completing 109 connections in 25 rooms and open areas that will eventually allow Internet access. One more NetDay will be required at KDES to complete wiring access for the academic areas of the elementary school.



Stained glass artist Sander Blondefel presents President Jordan with one of his extraordinary works of art.

## Senator Harkin to address campus

The campus community is invited to a presentation by Senator Tom Harkin (D-Iowa) on Thursday, March 12, at 1 p.m. in the Gallaudet University Kellogg Conference Center.

Harkin, who has a deaf brother, was one of the first—and strongest—political supporters of the DPN movement. He is also a longtime advocate of Gallaudet. Harkin spoke at President I. King Jordan's inauguration, he has been a commencement speaker, and he has received an honorary doctoral degree from the University.

In addition, Harkin has been responsible for most of the major legislation that has helped to give equal opportunities not only for deaf and hard of hearing people, but for all American citizens with disabilities. Legislation that Harkin played a major role in includes the Americans with Disabilities Act, the TV Decoder Act, the Telecommunications Enhancement Act, and the Education of the Deaf Act, which authorizes Gallaudet University. He continues to be a strong supporter of Gallaudet through his seats on the Senate Appropriations Committee and the Senate Labor and Human Resources Committee.

At his March 12 presentation, Harkin will reminisce about the DPN movement and talk about the major legislative victories that have had an impact on deaf and hard of hearing people and people with disabilities.

## NOTES FROM PERSONNEL

## Service awards for January

*Five years:*

**Judith Beldon**, Gallaudet Interpreting Services; **Dr. Katherine Jankowski**, PCNMP

*Ten years:*

**Antoinette Allen**, Audiology; **Jean Bergey**, Deaf Community Exhibition; **Georgette Lopes**, Continuing Education and Outreach; **Laverne Stevens**, Transportation

*Fifteen years:*

**Carla Hanyzewski**, PCNMP; **Jay Hill**, Physical Plant; **Dr. Ilnez Hinds**, Student Health Services; **Janice Johnson**, English; **Willie King**, Physical Plant; **Susan Traxler**, Computer Services

*Twenty years:*

**Judith Berglund**, PCNMP; **Marcia Freeman**, PCNMP; **Lisa Holden-Pitt**, Gallaudet Research Institute; **Patricia McCoy**, PCNMP

**New employees hired in January**

**Marcia Murphy** and **Mary Thumann**, Interpreter III, Gallaudet Interpreting Service

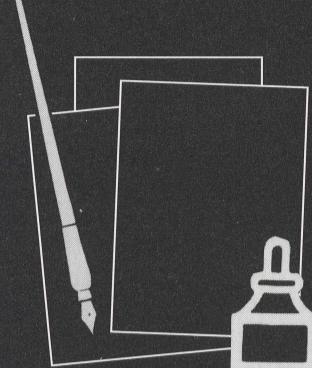
**Promotions in January**

**Chandra Dark**, development associate, Development Office; **Theresa Wean**, office assistant/mail clerk, PCNMP; **Oluwinka Williams**, administrative secretary II, PCNMP

**Retirements in January**

**Mary Anne Royster**, PCNMP

## SEHS/PCNMP student essay contest entries exceed expectations



School of Education and Human Services Dean William McCrone and Vice President for Pre-College National Mission Programs Jane Fernandes report that the national student essay contest sponsored by PCNMP and SEHS has generated 235 entries from deaf and hard of hearing residential and mainstream students—a record number of entries.

The essay contest theme was "My Biggest Challenge: How I Faced It."

The first place winner will earn a cash award for college. All students who submitted entries will receive a certificate of recognition signed by President I. King Jordan.

The contest was sponsored through *World Around You*, the PCNMP publication for deaf and hard of hearing teens.

Winners will be announced in the May/June issue of *World Around You* and in *On the Green*.

Dr. McCrone and *World Around You* editor Cathryn Carroll express their thanks to the volunteer contest judges: **Connie Briscoe**, a best-selling author; **Michelle Listisard**, Junior National Association of the Deaf coordinator; **Dr. David Martin**, Department of Education professor; **David Schleper**, PCNMP literacy coordinator, and **Janet Weinstock**, PCNMP literacy teacher/specialist.

## Teramura was a strong advocate for deaf people

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T"—experienced Japanese culture and the Japanese people saw firsthand the talents and abilities of deaf people. A crowning moment of the YSP tour was when the students performed at the Apple Theater in Tokyo, which Teramura had arranged. This marked the first performance by deaf people in the theater and, to Teramura's delight, the theater was completely full and the audience was enthralled.

Teramura continued his service to deaf students as a member of Gallaudet's Board of Associates. His advocacy with the Nippon Foundation helped establish permanent scholarships for deaf people from developing nations as well as a permanent program to provide leadership training for deaf people in their own countries.

"Soji Teramura will be greatly missed by all of us at Gallaudet University," said President I. King Jordan. "Mr. Teramura helped to improve the lives of deaf people around the world through his personal support and advocacy. Our sorrow is lessened in knowing that he has left a legacy of expanded opportunities for deaf students and greater understanding between deaf and hearing people."

"Mr. Teramura demonstrated his commitment to understanding deaf culture and the challenges faced by deaf people everywhere," added Vice President for Institutional Advancement Peg Hall. "We will miss Mr. T, but his memory will be honored by the accomplishments of deaf children and adults for many years to come."

Among the throngs of mourners who attended Teramura's funeral was Yoko Kuwahara, secretary of the Nippon Chapter of the Gallaudet University Alumni Association. Kuwahara sent the following e-mail to Gallaudet describing the ceremony:

"... Many cars, tens, hundreds of black cars were parked in front of the temple. ... Hundreds of people who are statesmen, diplomats, presidents of big companies, and people who [had known] him got together to pray for him there. Many flowers were sent from many places—embassies, companies, and from statesmen, and even from abroad. I found the flowers which were sent from Gallaudet University in it, too. ...

"... His photo was among the flowers, and he was smiling at me as ever. The smile encouraged me. 'Nothing to worry, I am watching you deaf people and Gallaudet from the sky. I will watch YSP beside all of you. Thank you.' It was a splendid funeral ceremony."

## Adult onset hearing loss causes many lifestyle changes

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After seeking assistance from professionals, their levels of satisfaction were mixed. Thirty-five percent each found their family doctor either "not very" or "very" understanding; 31 percent said the doctor did not give particularly good advice, while 25 percent said he or she did.

The response was more positive for audiologists, ear doctors, and rehabilitation counselors. For example, respondents said that 59 percent of audiologists were understanding while 12 percent said they were not, and 55 percent said they gave sound advice while 15 percent said they didn't.

People who cope successfully, said Glass, exhibited three personality traits: Forthrightness—being open about their hearing loss;

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one doable solution to thy gripe."

Too often we must endure individuals bent on hurling complaints and criticisms regarding this or that situation, but who NEVER offer a practical resolution to the matter they so hotly decry. These perennial grumbler behave as though they have a Divine Calling to point out to the rest of us what's wrong about this, that, or the other thing. You know the type: "Woe is me! Woe is Gallaudet! Woe are the elevators in HMB!" Etcetera.

Let us not fall into the grumbler's traps. Rather, we must emulate CGC in the matter of creative solutions to everyday inconveniences and problems.

Therefore, if the classroom in which you teach smells like old sneakers, do not weep and wail to your department chair—spray the place with air freshener instead.

If you notice bits of debris on the campus grounds, do not whine to others about this being an untidy campus—pick up the trash and dispose of it.

If a co-worker is making you crazy because after five years he still can't remember the difference between the signs for "bathroom" and "Tuesday," do not treat him as if he is mentally defective—simply tell him that if he invites you one more time to "go to lunch in the bathroom," you will charge him with sexual harassment.

So get busy ... and get creative.

If you have a burning question that you would like to ask Aunt Sophie, e-mail her at PUBLICREL. Be sure you say your question is for Aunt Sophie.

would have to learn to live with it.

"So I spent the next 25 years trying to pass as a hearing person," said Elliott. "The turning point came when my pastor said: 'Why don't you stop fighting the deafness and start using it?'

"An enormous change occurred when I could honestly say three words: 'I am deaf,'" said Elliott. She became the only deaf person in the rehabilitation counseling program at Sacramento State University. She later accepted a position as a therapist on the clinical staff at the UCSF Center on Deafness.

"It was a whole new world," Elliott said of her acceptance of being a deaf person. "I really had to work at learning sign language. I have become increasingly aware that the needs of the 'culturally hearing' deaf person are different from the needs of the culturally deaf person. But I like to think I can communicate with both."

